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SUBJECT: BLUE LANTERN LEVEL 3: PRE-LICENSE END-USE CHECK
ON LICENSE 050104476

¶1. This is an Action Request. See paragraphs 2 - 4.

¶2. The Department's Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (PM/DTCC) requests Post's assistance in conducting a pre-license check on license 050104476 for the export of rifles to Russia. Post is requested to complete this Blue Lantern check within 30 days. Lack of response to a Blue Lantern check will affect pending and future licenses involving parties to this license.

¶3. Reason for Request: To establish the bona fides of this transaction and the involved parties. The firearms listed below are primarily used for military and law enforcement purposes but are proposed for commercial sale.

¶4. Action Request: Post is requested to provide information on the practice in Russia of using the firearms listed below for big game hunting. Post is also requested to establish the bona fides of this transactions by making appropriate inquiries to authorities at LLC Gun Store "Arsenal." The following questions are provided for guidance:

--When was the company established and who are its principals?

--Does the company have proper supporting documentation, including purchase orders and import certificates, for the proposed transaction?

--Who are the ultimate end-users for the specific items listed on this license?

--Why type of big game is hunted with these firearms? How many firearms of this type did the company sell in 2007?

--Does the company understand the restrictions on USML items, especially the prohibition against unauthorized re-transfers and re-exports?

In its reply, Post may also comment on any other information pertinent to these transactions such as security of facilities and concerns about the entities involved.

¶5. Details of license applications:

DTC Case: 050104476

QUANTITY/COMMODITY:

5 McMillan TAC 338 .338 Lapua Magnum Bolt-Action Rifles

License Value: USD \$20,602

SELLER:

Falcon Defense Group
3940 Bardstown Road Suite 2C
Louisville, KY 40218
502-491-6942

FOREIGN CONSIGNEE:

Same as End-User

FOREIGN END-USER:

LLC Gun Store "Arsenal"
36, Presnenski Val Street
Moscow, Russia
7 (495) 253 8775

PURPOSE:

For certification by the Russian Government and eventual commercial resale to properly licensed individuals. For big game hunting.

¶6. Submitted in support of the license application were the following documents (PM/DTCC will fax documentation to Posts upon request):

DSP-83 signed by VA Sevastianov ("Arsenal") dated 04/28/2008 and Steven D. Herberth (Falcon) dated 05/05/2008

Purchase Order from LLC Gun Store "Arsenal" signed by Sevastyanov V.A. dated 04/28/2008

Import Permit No. 0048024 signed by G.I. Belevtsev dated 04/11/2008

¶7. Please slug reply for PM/DTCC - BLUE LANTERN COORDINATOR and include the words "Blue Lantern" and the case number in the subject line. POC is Kyle M. Ballard, Phone: 202-663-1929; Email: BallardKM@state.gov; SIPRNET: BallardKM@state.sgov.gov. The Blue Lantern Guidebook (ref) is available as a PDF file in the Bunche Library's E-Book Collection on the DOS Intranet:
[http://virtuallibrary.state.gov/BlueLanternGuidebook2006%2520final .pdf](http://virtuallibrary.state.gov/BlueLanternGuidebook2006%2520final.pdf)

¶8. Department is grateful for Post's assistance in this matter.
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